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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT GIVEN BY ENOS MALANDU,
REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRIOTIC FRONT OF ZIMBABWE (ZAPU)
DURING AUG 18 AM MEETING OF WORLD CONFERENCE. ZAPU STATE-
MENT IS FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS OF UK REP IN RIGHT OF REPLY.

QUOTE -"MAJOR BASTIONS OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
REMAIN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES."
RACISM IN MANY FORMS, NURTURED IN THE EPOCH OF SLAVERY
AND COLONIALISM, CONTINUES TO EXIST IN BRITAIN AND OTHER
IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES. SOME OF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES
NOT ONLY REFUSE TO SIGN INTERNATIONAL ANTI-RACIST
CONVENTIONS BUT GIVE POLITICAL, FINANCIAL AND MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO THE RACIST REGIMES.

THE SMITH REGIME'S REFUSAL TO HAND OVER POWER TO THE
AFRICAN MAJORITY IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT COUNTS ON
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MILITARY AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM ITS BRITISH KIN AND
OTHER IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES. "THE TREACHEROUS CONNIVANCE
BETWEEN SALISBURY, LONDON AND WASHINGTON IS BASED NOT ONLY
ON IMPERIALIST ECONOMIC CONNEXIONS BUT RACIST CONSIDERA-
TIONS AS WELL." THESE SAME IMPERIALIST STATES HAVE BEEN
VOCIFEROUS ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT IN ZIMBABWE
THEY SECRETLY SUPPORT ACTS OF INJUSTICE. AS A RESULT OF

THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE, THE SMITH REGIME MORE THAN EVER BEFORE RELIES ON THE WAR ARSENAL OF THE NATO COUNTRIES FOR MILITARY HARDWARE AND MANPOWER, THE LATTER IN THE FORM OF MERCENARIES -- ARRIVING AT A MONTHLY RATE OF 500 FROM SOUTH AFRICA, 500 FROM BRITAIN, AND 200 FROM THE UNITED STATES (IN 1977). BUT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT "CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN ITS REVOLUTIONARY POSITION" OVER THE RACIST REGIME. "THE DEFEAT OF THE SMITH REGIME IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME." THE ANGLO-AMERICAN STRATEGIES ARE A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE.

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT CALLS UPON THIS CONFERENCE TO REDOUBLE THE EFFORTS TO EXTEND MATERIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, IN ORDER "TO STRENGTHEN THE MILITARY ESCALATION PROGRAMME"; TO SEND SOLIDARITY MESSAGES TO THE FRONT-LINE STATES; TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE IN LONDON OF OFFICES MAINTAINED BY SMITH'S MINISTERS; AND TO SUPPORT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S DEMAND FOR AN EFFECTIVE VOICE IN ANY TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT, INCLUDING ITS SUPERVISION OF TRANSITIONAL MACHINERY.

RECALLING YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM (WHICH REFERRED TO AN OAU ENDORSEMENT OF THE VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS) MR. MALANDU SAID THIS WAS MISLEADING AND DID NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENT OAU'S POLICY. "THE QUESTION OF A SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AS A WHOLE, WHICH INCLUDES PUPPETS OF THE SMITH REGIME, REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THE APPROACH OF MUZOREWA, SITHOLE AND CHIRAU", AND THE OUA RECOGNIZES THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE SOLE LIBERATION MOVEMENT. END QUOTE

2. IN RIGHT OF REPLY U.K. DEL REGRETTED ZAPU STATEMENT AT A TIME WHEN THE U.K. GOVERNMENT IS MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A ZIMBABWE SETTLEMENT INVOLVING ALL PARTIES. HE AGREED WITH ZAPU DEL AND SAID IT WAS SELF-EVIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR OWN LEADERS. REFERRING TO THE OAU POLICY REGARDING ZIMBABWE, UK DEL CITED AN OAU STATEMENT MADE JULY 11 WHICH SUPPORTS ZAPU BUT MAINTAINS THAT OTHER GROUPS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN ALL PARTY CONFERENCE. SORENSON

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